

Daily Eagle
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Last Friday's Demonstration.

The Sagasta Leedy squadron sailed into Wichita and sailed out again. The pro-Spanish torpedo boat Simpson essayed the same thing, with the same result. This surviving crew of the old cruiser Calamity, having got into position, under the great fortifications which overlook the broad Bay of Wichita, and having turned their biggest guns loose on that first-class battle-ship Stanley, and having failed to puncture a plate, disable a gun or capture a man, opportunely, between dark and daylight, slid out of the harbor and out of sight. Their Pop guns had neither the requisite calibre or adequate range. They are old muzzle-pieces and out of date, and in no sense equal to either the rapid-fire breech-loaders which bristle on the decks of the Stanley or the thirteen-inch monsters found mounted on the impregnable Republican ramparts which guard the waters and defend and protect the many commercial and industrial interests which cluster along the waters and line the banks of the Great and Little Arkansaws. Without a word of explanation from Captain Sagasta Leedy why he had scuttled the ship of state with a maximum freight-rate veto, or why he failed to protect the lives of the unfortunate inmates of the insane asylums from the murderous assaults of his partisan employees, or why he disbanded the militia and belittled a patriotic president, and with no apology from his Spanish ensign, Simpson, for his insulting declaration that the war was rotten from beginning to ending, that McKinley is a weak man, and that if he, Ensign Simpson, were elected again he would oppose the president's policy, the battered and unseaworthy old calamity cruiser, with her flag trailing at half-mast, and her conning tower out of plumb and full of holes, sneaked out into the darkness of night.

Admitting, and seriously, that it was not to be expected that the opposition would meet with much encouragement from a community which had so heartily and earnestly waited in the effort to secure a home man for governor, still the Fusion rally of day before yesterday, at Griswold Park, must be set down as a dismal failure. With the Republicans and women left out of the count, the demonstration would have proved not only discouraging but pitiful. The family vehicles of the farmers were conspicuous only because of the memory of the former rallies of the Pop party. There were no parades or banners and no enthusiasm. Friday, the dullest day of the week for the city, seemed duller than usual. The crowd, such as it was, was simply quiet and respectful. The truth is, were Stanley's election not already conceded, were even the result next Tuesday a week doubtful, Wichita and Sedgwick county would still be found standing by their pledge in good faith. When the people of the county and city said they wanted a voice and hand in the control of the affairs and interests of the state, they meant it; and having succeeded in getting the nomination for one of their citizens they will stand by him in spite of the pleadings and demonstrations of a few who are personally interested, who individually are running for office on the Fusion ticket, or who in the re-election of Leedy would receive personal reward. These will control the minority, but that minority will prove insignificant.

A Preposterous Spook.

Ghosts are scary, but they were never known to hurt any one. Ghosts are, for the most part, conjured up for the benefit of children and simple-minded folk. The political pseudodigitors of the Leedy camp are just now forkling up the ghost of prohibition, with Stanley as the chief shade. He is made to figure as a hollow-eyed cadaver, whose jaws drop and joints creak at the sight of an empty beer Stein or a jug of apple cider. Nothing but hydrant water or diluted milk is ever partaken of by the inhabitants of Wichita. By this bogey it is expected to drive the German vote over to a governor who doesn't believe that Wichita nor any city in the state can govern and regulate its own affairs. The only people heard from as desiring to revive prohibition are the fellow who want to be police commissioners under Leedy, and other Leedy strikers who are trying to convince the Germans that Stanley is a narrow-minded bigot. It won't work. Stanley as governor will be the last man to move for a re-opening of the metropolitan police commission question. The commissions have all been abolished and every city is running more smoothly and getting more revenue than under the commission rule. Besides, no man in the state has had a closer experience with the system than Stanley. He has been a commissioner himself and resigned because, he said, as he said at the time in effect, that no man or set of men could crowd down the throats of an American community any sumptuary law to which a large majority were opposed. The continuous expense of prosecutions under one class of extremists, as commissioners, and the distractions and divisions growing out of unequal confederates were no more satisfactory than the corruption and gained consumption of liquor was little effected one way or another under more liberal commissioners, while the aggrieved other. Besides, all these surmises and threats of the Fusion leaders are without any foundation. Mr. Stanley has never intimated that he would prosecute the commissioners, and certainly there is no warrant for such a conclusion either from his acts in the past, and certainly no such warrant can be found in the platform upon which he is running. It's all humbug from beginning to end.

The Calamity Campaign Fund.

If the Pop party has rendered itself more conspicuous by any one hood more than another, it has been its how against corporations. The cry "Down with the combines" ever reiterated on the stump by Pop orators and filtered through calamity sheets by Pop editors has caught many a vote of the prejudiced. Documentary evidence fell into the hands of the Republican state central committee on Friday which proves beyond any cavil that the Populist managers have been bleeding corporations for campaign funds. They have been going not only for railway managers, but for brewers, insurance companies and other corporations, including the great Top company, the Standard Oil company through which company's offices the facts first leaked out. C. J. Coughlin, a member of the Fusion financing committee, writes the agent of the Standard Oil company, under date of October 21, appealing for funds on the ground of benefits extended by the Leedy administration to the coal oil interest. This fact will surprise no one, probably, but there is a satisfaction in letting the scroechers know that while they have been successful in fooling a part of the people all of the time they have not been fooling some of the people any of the time.

The Leavenworth German Vote.

The Tribune, of Leavenworth—the German paper—"Deutsch-Amerikaner Indosier Stanley fuer Gouverneur"—is a conservative paper, not Republican—becoming disgusted with the outrages perpetrated by the Fusion partisans at the Insane Asylum at Topeka, has not only come out against the entire Fusion ticket but heartily endorses that liberal and broad-gauged man, W. E. Stanley" for governor. On September 16 the Tribune announced that it had the best of authority for stating that the Germans of Sedgwick, Reno, Harvey and adjoining counties who knew Stanley personally knew him to be a liberal man in every respect and that they would support his candidacy as against the nominees of Fusion. On October 22 the Tribune, after publishing an article setting forth the flagrant indecencies committed by Leedy's appointees, such as burning a poor negro's feet and the like, denouncing the other acts of inhuman treatment accorded many of the unfortunate patients confined therein, came squarely out advising the Germans of Kansas in the name of humanity and decency to vote for Stanley.

Queen Wilhelmina and Her Prussian.

A brief dispatch from Amsterdam says: "The engagement of Queen Wilhelmina to the Prince of Wied will shortly be announced." This bit of news sounds harmless enough. The average reader will ask: Who is the Prince of Wied? And not finding an answer will conclude that the capricious young queen has fallen in love with some obscure nobleman. Yet on this proposed union may hang the fate and independence of Holland. German statesmen and German patriotic societies have recently openly declared that the first step toward the new policy of imperial expansion must be the acquisition of Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg. Dutch statesmen have long realized this danger. Little Wilhelmina was brought up to look upon Germany as a hostile power. She was carefully taught the languages of the Netherlands, Flemish and Walloon, and can speak French and English fluently, but German was not allowed a place in her studies. Everything was done to guard against any possible future alliance with the country of the grasping Hohenzollerns.

The announcement of her engagement to Prince Wied means that all these precautions have been in vain. Prince William Frederick Herman Otto Charles of Wied, the eldest of the house, lives in Rhine Prussia, is a prince of the German empire and has a hereditary seat in the Prussian senate, and is the grandson of Princess Wilhelmina of Prussia. The question arises at once: What powerful influence has been able to overthrow the accepted policies of old King William and his advisers? It is hardly conceivable that Louis has meddled with politics, though the Prince of Wied is but twenty-six years old, a handsome Lieutenant of William's ornamental Uhlan. The prince is the queen's own cousin once removed, his mother being a niece of the late King of Holland. The match bears the marks of Prussian intrigue and behind it probably lurks a story of court influence and diplomacy that would furnish interesting material for an Anthony Hope.

Thanksgiving.

For now more than a generation has Thanksgiving been a national institution throughout this country, while as a religious festival it dates back over two and three-fourths centuries, to its first celebration by the Pilgrim Fathers of New England.

In the early days of the planting of church and commonwealth on this continent, when a sterile soil began to yield its bounties to the often famished settler, it is pleasant to recall that the little community used to delight in giving public expression to the spirit of thanksgiving, which has now grown into a mighty custom over the entire republic, after the annual harvesting of the fruits of the earth. From its antiquity among our people, as well as from its general significance, there is no religious tradition more interesting, or that ought to be dearer to the hearts of the people, than that of giving thanks, on a day especially set apart by the head of the nation for public blessings and for nature's bountiful gifts vouchsafed to it. It is, moreover, the day on which we are accustomed as a people to draw together in family reunions, which keep well knit the bonds of kinship and attune hearts, often sundered by discord, to the universal note of harmony and common rejoicing.

The occasion, so fraught with pleasant memories to the present generation, was long in settling down to its now fixed season of celebration, and though it comes close to the Christmas festival, some of the happiest features of which Thanksgiving Day has appropriated, it already has traditions which hallow it to the nation and to all classes and conditions of the people. The present year, it is hardly necessary to remind the reader, furnishes, by its large measure of peace and plenty enjoyed by every section of the nation, abundant reason for national thanksgiving.

In the joy of the coming festival the grateful heart will therefore not be unmindful of the benign Source from which the familiar Doxology reminds us, "All blessings flow."

Does Leedy know a single one of Wichita's needs? No. Does he know the names of fifty business concerns in Wichita? No. Is he interested in Wichita's welfare? No. Leedy is a politician. All he expects of Wichita is for it to line up behind his friend Colonel Toler and vote for him.

It has come to a pretty pass when the opposition can find nothing against Stanley but the silly charge that he is not a friend to his home town, and nothing for Leedy except that Breidenthal, who says the people of Wichita are dishonest, is for Leedy.

The Republicans of Wichita have always been generous with the opposition. Leevelling ran away ahead of his ticket in the race against Farmer Smith, the police force under a Republican mayor today is non-partisan.

John Breidenthal believes it would be better for Kansas if Wichita were wiped off the face of the earth. He says the people of this town are all dishonest. That is his only argument against Stanley.

Governor Leedy knows who is making the fight for him in Wichita. If the Populist Argonauts want it proved again, Leedy will come down here this week and Colonel Toler will go all through it again.

In event of Leedy's re-election the power at Topeka will be Colonel Toler. He and his followers are the only men making a fight for Leedy here, and Leedy knows it.

The people of Wichita are going to give the state of Kansas an illustration on municipal unity which will be an event talked of in Kansas politics for years to come.

The argument that Breidenthal is making against Stanley is that he is from Wichita. If Breidenthal had his way, Wichita would be wiped from the face of the earth.

Of course Leedy doesn't think much of the home pride idea. He has no家 pride. He was elected from Leroy, and he hasn't been in the town since.

Wichita has always been united. That is its reputation the state over. A little, mean majority for Stanley in this county will not do. It must be big.

Yes, Leedy is a great friend of Wichita. Why did he wait till his election got near to say so? Where is that \$1,000 Rufus Cone says he owes Wichita?

The election will gratify one of two of Wichita's citizens—W. E. Stanley or Colonel Toler. This doesn't happen to be Colonel Toler's year.

Stanley is a Wichita man. With you and every other citizen he is interested in the increased prosperity of this town.

Another large wad of money will soon be added to the city treasury by the mayor of Wichita—a Republican mayor.

A Rough Diamond

"Oh, Miss Elsie, Miss Elsie, the bank has been robbed! Twenty thousand pounds gone, missel and poor master away! Oh, dear! Oh, dear!" Twenty thousand pounds gone! And the dead man was a bachelor of 50, and fearless before death. Worst of all, the banker himself—his uncle was away!

A step behind her, and a low voice spoke her name. She knew it at once; it was her good-for-nothing brother!

"Why are you here again, Harold?" she cried.

"But he is away, Elsie," the young man answered, breathlessly. "Ginger, you must help me out that once, I promise solemnly never to worry you again."

"You have promised solemnly before, Harold," his sister said, bitterly. "I can't help you, I say. We are ruined. The bank has been robbed!"

"Is it true, Elsie?" he asked hoarsely. "Has the bank really been robbed?"

She told him what she knew, he listening impatiently.

"I must have money, girlie," he burst out.

"I don't possess a single farthing, either!" she persisted. "What is the matter, Harold? Why is it so terribly necessary for you to have Blackmore to-night?"

"Uncle will be coming back to see about the bank, Elsie," he muttered querulously. "He must not find me bare!"

No, it would only add to the bitterness of his return. What could she do?

"I have it," the desperate brother suddenly exclaimed. "Elsie, this news about the bank robbery is still exclusive. The editor of the Blackmore Times would give me a lead."

But Elsie would not set it in that light for a long, long time. It was not until her brother had fully enlarged on the grim necessity of the case, not until he had forced her to plainly understand the consequences if he did not have money at once, that she finally consented to go to the editor of the Blackmore Times.

Harold Maitland had been a good boy, though not a very brilliant one; on this occasion he had indeed done well. As he probed, the editor literally grabbed at the "copy," especially after he had firmly convinced himself that his would be the first paper to publish the startling news on the morrow. Elsie went wearily home with the much-needed money in her pocket. Harold was waiting in hiding for her, and pounced down eager as a hawk.

One hour after his departure their uncle Maitland came to the house, and asked to see Elsie. When he was admitted into her presence he noticed with a sharp pang how wan and desolate her little face had grown.

He showed her a telegram which he had received from her uncle.

"Returning at once," it said. "Keep news of robbery out of the papers at any price."

Elsie read the words, or, rather, she chanted them each other before her dizzy, aching eyes. She suddenly tottered forward and fell in a dead faint.

Next morning huge posters appeared from the offices of the Blackmore Times, making public the robbery.

That exclusive news sold by Elsie Maitland to the editor of the Blackmore Times had caused an appalling run on her uncle's bank.

The doors were opened at last; the crowd surged in, presenting checks to the full amount they had deposited in the bank. They looked astonished when the gold came over the counter in their direction.

At noon Elsie and her uncle drove up to the station to meet an open carriage.

All the way along they had seen those hideous posters announcing the robbery.

"How did they get the news?" John Rivers kept repeating. "Elsie, child, how did they get the news? It is a mystery to me. If only it could have been kept from them another twenty-four hours I could have weathered the storm."

Poor Elsie's heart ached.

As for Elsie, she had not told her uncle who supplied the news to the paper.

For hours she sat in a little room over the bank.

How much longer could it go on?

"Not much longer!" John Rivers said dejectedly to his suffering niece. "Not much longer, Elsie, my girl. They must have paid it nearly all out by now. Don't cry, poor child."

Faintly there were sounds of cheering in the streets of the mountains and of the River Dee have been chosen by the Queen herself, and on these they will be built. Each will have a "parlor," a dressing-room and a tiny kitchen. The walls are to be lined with pine wood from the forests about, and the roofs are to be quaintly thatched with heather and fastened with bands of the snowy birch tree. The cottages will be finished in May.

Says the Cape Times, South Africa:

"Would the use of bicycles benefit the Orange Free State?" was the subject of debate at the last meeting of the Kroonstad Y. M. C. A. The opener contended that on account of droughts, the cost of postage etc., bicycles would be a blessing.

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